

## **Ambassador Boateng leads a team of experts in a virtual dialogue on Covid-19 in Ghana**

On 30th March 2020, Ghana's Ambassador to the Peoples Republic of China, His Excellency Edward Boateng led an experience sharing virtual dialogue in 4 top Ghanaian radio and television stations simultaneously.

The virtual dialogue which was under theme; Covid-19; "Dealing with the Challenges: A Dialogue with Ghanaians in China, featured various experts who discussed issues pertaining their fields of expertise.

H.E. Edward Boateng led the discussion around the broader topic of government's role during the coronavirus outbreak in China. He shared the decision room experience and how the mission collaborated with the Government of Ghana to cater for Ghanaian students in Wuhan and the entire China instead of evacuating them like other nations did. "The President of Ghana took the decision to keep the Ghanaian students here in China. He thought about the issues thoroughly and decided that the best course of action was for everybody to stay here in China. And the President has been vindicated, because not a single Ghanaian in China tested positive during the Covid-19 pandemic", he said.

Dr. Ama Edwin a Physician Clinical Psychologist and Bioethicist at the University of Ghana Medical Centre (UGMC) who counselled students and Ghanaian community groups during the peak of COVID-19 in China addressed issues of fear and anxiety during a pandemic.

The National Union for Ghanaian Students (NUGS) Chapter President of Wuhan-China, Sampson Opoku expressed profound gratitude to both the government of Ghana and the Ambassador Edward Boateng for their efforts that kept them safe in what was the epicenter of the coronavirus, Wuhan. "The level of cooperation between the Ghanaian embassy, students and other stakeholders was top notch. People from other embassies wanted to know the strategies ours had put in place because our support system was noticed as a remarkable one" Sampson said.

Mr. Abu Osuman, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Ghana in Beijing- China and the coordinator of the embassy's logistics and response efforts, also shared how the embassy worked to ensure transparency. He also shared practical experiences in communication, tracing and management in emergency cases for Ghanaian businesses and individuals.

A Ghanaian PhD student in China, Dr. Percy Akuetteh shared his experience as a volunteer at the lockdown checkpoint during the peak of the Coronavirus in China. He advised that cooperation between the government, agencies and citizens is the only way by which Ghana could fight the coronavirus.

Miss Gloria Akpabla who is the Women's Commissioner of NUGS-China also addressed how the needs of female students were met and how those experiences could be emulated in Ghana.

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